CENTENE CORP Form 4 October 04, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GEPHARDT Richard A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			CENTENE CORP [CNC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			09/30/2016	Officer (give title below) Other (specification)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
			•	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(0)	(0)	(FT:)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securitie	s Acq	uired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	omr Disposed	d of (E))	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)		Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/30/2016		A	503.815	A	\$ 69.47	41,455.595 (1)	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monus Day/Tear)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Y e		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)		Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer of the same of the sa	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GEPHARDT Richard A 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X						

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact)

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Ownership includes 3,350 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.

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